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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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1.The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 67 and 68 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schuler in view of Takubo for reasons of record.

It is maintained that the aspect of positioning the second mold so that it is 1 mm or less away from the periphery of the first mold would have been obvious dependent on the thickness desired for the mold.

2.Applicant's arguments filed April 5, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. While applicant's arguments are persuasive with respect to claims 53-66 and 69-77 are persuasive, those advanced with respect to claims 67 and 68 are not. While applicant submits that there is simply no suggestion to place the molds 1 mm away from each other, such is submitted to be a mere matter of thickness of the lens desired and as such would have been entirely obvious dependent on the thickness of the lens desired. One could be molding a corrective layer designed for lamination in which the thickness would be set at 1 mm. At any rate, such thickness would have depended on the ultimate use for the lens and as such is submitted as being obvious over the art as applied.

3.THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

4.Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mathieu D. Vargot whose telephone number is 571 272-1211. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 9 to 6.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Johnson, can be reached on 571 272-1176. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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